HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shirley Morton on her retirement from Culleoka Unit School and the Maury County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Morton is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an exemplary mathematics teacher, she has entered into a well-deserved retirement; and WHEREAS, Ms. Morton served with acumen and alacrity as an Algebra I teacher at

Culleoka Unit School, instructing and positively influencing her students for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Morton truly served as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Morton is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous civic and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Shirley Morton is blessed with a loving and close-knit family; and

WHEREAS, perhaps most renowned for her ability to create a positive learning environment, Ms. Morton will be best remembered as a friend and a gifted educator; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Shirley Morton demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements in service of the children of Culleoka; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Ms. Shirley Morton, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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